

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 and 11-16 have been cancelled and claims 18-25 have been added. Accordingly, claims 4, 8, 12 and 17-25 are pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1-17 were pending in the application. Claims 4, 8, 12 and 17 were allowed and the remaining claims were rejected. By this Amendment, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled and new claims 18-25 have been added. Claims 18-25 are dependent claims which depend from allowed claims 4, 8, 12 and 17. Therefore, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application should now be in condition for allowance. In view of the fact that this Amendment cancels rejected claims and only adds dependent claims which depend from allowed independent claims, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the application and the application allowed.

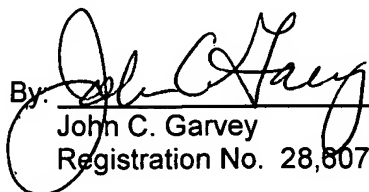
It is submitted that Applicants' amendments and remarks have clearly overcome the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action. Thus, claims 4, 8, 12 and 17-25 are deemed to be in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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